**PHILANTHROPY**

**Gift Transforms Hospitality and Tourism Management**

SDSU’s School of Hospitality and Tourism Management was formally renamed the L. Robert Payne School of Hospitality and Tourism Management at San Diego State University, thanks to a significant gift from the L. Robert Payne and Patricia L. Payne Family Foundation. The gift is expected to be the catalyst for an eventual $8.5 million endowment for the school.

**STUDENTS**

**Greek Week Gets Personal**

SDSU student Jeremy Poincenot has inspired the Greek community to select the Doheny Eye Institute as the beneficiary of Greek Week 2010. Poincenot is afflicted with Leber’s Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON), an untreatable genetic disease that results in vision loss. Students hope to raise $50,000 for the Doheny Eye Institute’s race to find a cure for the disease.

**RESEARCH**

**Catching More Than Fish**

Sea turtles have long been the victims of inadvertent traps from fishing gear, and now a new study, led by SDSU biology professor Rebecca Lewison, shows that the number of sea turtles caught over the past 20 years may reach into the millions.

Recently published in the journal Conservation Letters, the study is the first comprehensive, global compilation of bycatch data from commercial fisheries, and has reviewed areas all over the world, including ones where little was known about bycatch rates.

**SUSTAINABILITY**

**Students Lead 40 Years of Earth Day**

SDSU Associated Students, along with other student organizations on campus, recognized Earth Day during GreenFest, a week-long celebration of sustainability and Aztec pride.

GreenFest was started in 2009 as part of AS Green Love to promote sustainability issues and projects. It now is the culminating end-of-the-year festival that highlights all of the sustainable and green accomplishments of Associated Students and the university as a whole.
LIBRARY
San Diego Couple Pledges $4M to SDSU Library

San Diego State University received a $4 million commitment from alumni Charles and Robin Luby, which will be used to support the SDSU Library.

The gift was announced when the couple received a Monty Award, which honors outstanding SDSU alumni for their contributions to the university, the region and the nation.

STUDENTS
Students Help Seniors at New Center

Through a partnership with Senior Community Centers, SDSU students will help transform the aging experience for local seniors at the new Gary and Mary West Senior Wellness Center located in downtown San Diego.

Students from the university’s School of Social Work, Center for Alcohol and Drug Studies and Services, Department of Gerontology, School of Nursing and the School of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences will provide services to promote physical, emotional, social and intellectual wellness.

ENVIRONMENTAL
Green Gradwear Debuts at SDSU

San Diego State University’s 2010 graduates will be among the first in the nation to wear new sustainable caps and gowns. The fabric in the graduation regalia, from Jostens new Elements Collection, was developed using 100 percent acetate material proven to decompose in soil within one year. Additionally, the zippers are made from 100 percent recycled plastic and the earth-friendly packaging contains material that facilitates the decomposition process of the cap and gown bag.

AWARDS
The 2010 Monty Awards

The winners of this year’s prestigious Monty Awards were announced at an awards presentation at the Hotel del Coronado. Awardees were honored by each of the university’s seven colleges, Library & Information Access and Imperial Valley campus. In addition, awards for Distinguished University Service and Distinguished Alumni Service were presented.

COMMENCEMENT
Special Recognitions to Highlight the Event

More than 10,000 graduates will take part in commencement ceremonies at SDSU this year. Among them will be the first graduating class of Compact Scholars and Ed.D. recipients. Honorary degrees will be awarded to former SDSU head football coach Don Coryell and U.S. Ambassador Charles Hostler. A special ceremony will award honorary degrees to former Japanese-American students forced to leave college to enter Japanese internment camps during World War II.

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